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SUBJ: CYPHER EQUIPMENT FOR HOT- LINE

REF: A) STATE 103862 B) OC/ S OM OF 6/1/73 C) A/ OC OM OF 6/4 /73

1. EMBOFF MET WITH V/ O MASHPRIBORINTORG DEPUTY CHAIRMAN N. P. POTEKHIN AND V. F. KLIMOV JUNE 22 TO TRANSMIT PROPOSAL CONTAINED REF C ON PRICE AND DELIVERY SCHEDULES FOR SIEMENS CYPHER EQUIPMENT FOR HOT- LONE, AND ALSO TO TRANSMIT MANUALS FORWARDED TO EMBASSY UNDER COVER REF B. POTEKHIN WELCOMED RECEIPT OF PROPOSAL AND EXPRESSED HOPE FIRST DELIVERIES OF EQUIPMENT WOULD ACTUALLY ARRIVE IN USSR IN SEPTEMBER AS INDICATED. HE STATED PROPOSAL WOULD BE GIVEN TO COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY IMMEDIATELY FOR CONSIDERATION, AND INDICATED FORMAL REPLY ON ACCEPTANCE SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING NEXT WEEK.

2. POTEKHIN ALSO REQUESTED CLARIFICATION AS TO WHERE CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT WOULD BE SIGNED, RECALLING THAT LAST TIME SIMILAR EQUIPMENT PURCHASED, SIX OR SEVEN YEARS AGO, CONTRACT HAD BEEN SIGNED IN WASHINGTON BY HIMSELF (AS AMTORG VICE PRESIDENT) AND A DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER PRESENT CONTRACT TO BE SIGNED IN WASHINGTON OR MOSCOW.

3. FYI. DURING MEETING POTEKHIN, WHO THUS FAR HAS BEEN
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RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASES RELATED TO HOT - LINE, INTRODUCED
KLIMOV AND EXPLAINED THAT LATTER WOULD NOW ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOT- LINE EQUIPMENT PURCHASES. KLIMOV HAS
JUST RECENTLY REJOINED MASHPRIBORINTORG AFTER SERVING
FOR PAST TWO YEARS AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF V/ O ELEKTRONORG-
TEKHNICA AND WILL NOW BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPORT OF ALL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. END FYI.
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